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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, IS, EG

SUBJECT: ISRAELI HARRASSMENT IN GULF OF SUEZ

REF: STATE 225441

1. I FINALLY REACHED FONMIN'S AIDE AMER MUSA AT 1:00 A.M. SEPT. 12 AND CONVEYED VERY CAREFULLY INSTRUCTIONS IN PARA 4 REFTEL. MUSA TOOK NOTES AND SAID HE WOULD PASS MESSAGE TO FAHMY URGENTLY (THIS MAY MEAN FIRST THING TOMORROW MORNING, THIS BEING RAMADAN). MUSA AFFIRMED THAT HE KNEW OF NO IMPENDING EGYPTIAN ACTIONS WHICH WOULD CONTRAVENE MESSAGE I GAVE HIM. HE WAS AWARE OF GIST OF MY CONVERSATIONS WITH FAHMY AND WITH OSAMA EL BAZ, REPORTED EARLIER, AND I AM CONFIDENT EGYPTIANS DO NOT PLAN ANY ACTIONS AT PRESENT.

2. WE ALSO CONTACTED AMOCO MANAGER ROSS CRAIG TO URGE THAT HE MAINTAIN STRICT CONTROL OVER AMOCO'S OPERATIONS IN GULF AND THAT HE KEEP US FULLY AND PROMPTLY INFORMED. CRAIG AGREED TO DO SO, BUT POINTED OUT THAT RAMADAN FIELD'S PLATFORM 4 WAS ENTRIELY EAST OF MEDIAN LINE AND PLATFORM 6 WAS RIGHT ON THAT LINE. AMOCO WOULD NEED TO CONTINUE TO SERVICE THESE PLATFORMS, WHICH WERE NORMALLY OPERATING OIL FIELDS LOCATED EAST OF LINE. CRAIG AGREED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO REPEAT OF ATTEMPT TO LAY MARKER BUOYS AT SITE 304.13

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AND SAID HE WOULD ISSUE EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS TO AMOCO AT

RAS SHUKAIR EARLY IN THE MORNING.

3. WE WILL CONVEY POINTS IN PARA 4 REFTEL TO EGYPTIAN MILITARY IN THE MORNING TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE THE PICTURE. TRYING TO REACH THEM TONIGHT (WHICH COULD ONLY BE DONE THROUGH DMI DUTY OFFICER) MIGHT CONVEY SENSE OF PANIC ON OUR PART ABOUT PROSPECTIVE EGYPTIAN ACTIONS WHICH WOULD GIVE RISE TO UNWARRANTED SPECULATION ABOUT WHAT WAS UP. DATT AND I HAVE APPOINTMENT ON MONDAY WITH GEN GAMASY ON OTHER MATTER AND WE WILL ALSO RAISE GULF PROBLEMS WITH HIM THEN.

4. COMMENT: INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL SEEM RIGHT ON THE MARK FROM OUR VIEWPOINT AND ARE ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET ACROSS TO EGYPTIANS AND AMOCO CAIRO. WE HOPE ISRAEL WILL AGREE. END GRATUITOUS COMMENT.  
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